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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Harry A. Loder et al. Examiner: Sung H. Pak  
Serial No.: 09/992,212 Group Art Unit: 2874  
Filed: November 5, 2001 Docket No.: 55243US019  
Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE BEND RADIUS  
OF AN OPTICAL FIBER CABLE

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 3, 2002, in which claim 1-6 were rejected. With this Amendment, claim 1 is amended and claim 6 is cancelled from the application. Please amend the claims as presented below.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claim 6.

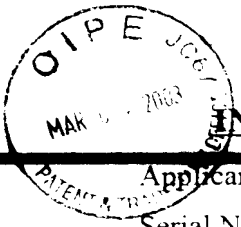
Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for controlling the bend radius of at least a portion of an optical fiber cable having at least one optical fiber, the method comprising the steps of:

- a. providing a jacket of a heat shrinkable-material;
- b. placing the jacket around the portion of the optical fiber cable;
- c. bending the portion of the optical fiber cable at a desired bend angle; and
- d. shrinking the jacket around the optical fiber cable by the application of heat causing the optical fiber cable to maintain the desired bend angle.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the curves are in different planes.

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Sir/Madam:

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- ☒ Transmittal Sheet containing Certificate of Mailing under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 (1 pg.).
- ☒ Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 (5 pgs.); Version with Markings to Show Changes Made (2 pgs.).
- ☐ Petition for a -Month Extension of Time (1 pg.).
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